

September 2024 Virginia Forest Landowner e-Update

Featured Events

Fifteen Minutes in the Forest

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- Sept. 20 – ROW can be WOW Habitat!
- Oct. 4 – Red Oak Family
- Oct. 18 – Sweetgum – Love it or Hate it?
- Nov. 1 – Simple Tools to Measure Your Forest Part 2
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- Watch archived videos on [Facebook](#) or [YouTube Premier](#)

Southeast Virginia Beginning Woodland Owner Retreat

- September 20-21
- Providence Forge

Generation NEXT Legacy Planning Workshop

- October 26, Lynchburg

Fall Forestry & Wildlife Field Tours

- Oct. 3 – Wise
- Oct. 11 – Rockingham
- Oct. 24 – Bedford
- October 25 – Dinwiddie

Visit the [Events Calendar](#) for details!

Good Morning Forest Update Subscribers,

This year the e-update has been focusing on different aspects of sustainable forestry. Some landowners want to manage for native plant or animal species that are not currently on their land or only occur in low abundance. There are many types of these so-called desired species in a diverse place like Virginia. Some of the most common species desired by Virginia landowners include: longleaf pine, bobwhite quail, shortleaf pine, wild turkey, and pollinators. I saw a great example of managing for desired species when I recently toured a Tree Farm in Sussex County where, for the past 19 years, the landowner has been doing some amazing work converting his loblolly pine plantations to fire-maintained longleaf pine forests.

Virginia is at the northern extent of the natural range of longleaf pine. European settlers harvested most of the longleaf pine and replaced it with faster-growing, easier to germinate, and not fire-dependent loblolly pine. And while loblolly pine is great for meeting our pulpwood and sawtimber needs, fire-maintained longleaf pine ecosystems have extraordinarily diverse understories, making them a rich haven for many wildlife species, including the [endangered red-cockaded woodpecker](#). Having worked with longleaf pine for my master's degree and for the first 4.5 years of my career at [The Jones Center at Ichauway](#), it is a species near and dear to my heart. You can learn more about longleaf pine restoration efforts [here](#).

Another desired species landowners throughout Virginia are managing for is the bobwhite quail. Virginia's team of [Private Lands Biologists](#) work on-the-ground with landowners to restore quail habitat. Cost share, to defray expenses, is also available in some areas. One morning, in the summer of 2020, I was out walking here in southwest Virginia, and heard a bobwhite call. I instantly whistled back – and then realized that was the first bobwhite I had heard in the 16 years I lived here. And sure enough, there was a quail project implemented on a nearby farm. It's great knowing that a program is working! Learn more about bobwhite quail restoration in Virginia [here](#).

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If you are interested in managing for a native plant or animal on your property, reach out to a local natural resource professional to see what is possible on your land.

- [Private Lands Biologists](#) (wildlife, small game)
- [Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources](#) (wildlife)
- [Virginia Department of Forestry](#) (trees)
- [Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation Natural Heritage Program](#) (wildlife, trees, natural communities, threatened & endangered species)

I also invite you to attend one of our upcoming landowner education programs. We have a busy fall ahead!

[Virginia Forest Landowner Education Program Events Calendar](#)

Featured Events

[Fifteen Minutes in the Forest](#)

The award-winning Fifteen Minutes in the Forest video series features a wide-array of topics and are shown every other Friday at 12:15 on [Facebook](#) and [YouTube Premier](#)

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[Landowner Retreats](#)

Landowner Retreats are co-hosted by the Virginia Department of Forestry and Virginia Cooperative Extension. Retreats provide information on hardwood and

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pine forest management, legacy planning, management planning, and more. They combine classroom, field trip, and hands-on activities to teach concepts of sustainable woodland and wildlife management.

- Southeast Virginia Beginning Woodland Owner Retreat
 - September 20-21
 - [New Kent Forestry Center](#), Providence Forge
 - [Agenda](#)
 - Register [by mail](#)
 - Register [online](#)

Generation NEXT Legacy Planning Workshops

Generation NEXT is an award-winning, nationally recognized educational program that will get you started on the right path to keeping your land intact, in forest, and in family.

- October 26
 - [Timberlake Tavern](#), Lynchburg
 - \$80 for two family members, \$40 each additional family member
 - [Agenda](#)
 - Register [by mail](#)
 - Register [online](#)

Fall Forestry & Wildlife Field Tours

Join landowners, natural resource professionals, and other outdoor lovers for day-long tours that explore a variety of sustainable forestry and wildlife management practices. Tours visit private, public, and industry-owned lands.

- October 3 -Wise County
- October 11 – Rockingham County
- October 24 – Bedford County

- October 25 - Dinwiddie County
- \$45/person; \$80/couple – includes lunch and transportation for the tour
- Register [online](#)
- Itineraries and register [by mail](#)

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All the best!

Jennifer

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